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What is claimed is:

- 1. A freely rotatable micromechanical plate apparatus, comprising:
- at least three rotatable plates, each of said rotatable plates being suspended from a substrate via a respective first spring;
 - a moveable plate;
- at least three moveable plate attachment points, each of said moveable plate attachment points being coupled to a respective one of said rotatable plates via respective ones of second springs so that rotation of each of said rotatable plates about a respective axis transfers motion to the moveable plate attachment points; and
- at least three posts, each of said posts coupling the movement of each of a respective one of said moveable plate attachment points to said moveable plate.
 - 2. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said moveable plate is a mirror.
 - 3. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said springs are deformable elastic elements.
 - 4. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said springs is a relatively thin beam.
- 5. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said springs is a folded set of beams.
- 6. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said first springs is located along an edge of its associated rotatable plate and acts as the axis of rotation therefore.
- 7. The invention as defined in claim 1 further comprising at least one electrode located below at least on of said rotatable plates.

1 2 3	8. The invention as defined in claim 1 further comprising an additional plate, said additional plate being coupled to at least one of said rotatable plates and being adapted to rotate said rotatable plate.
1 2	9. The invention as defined in claim 8 wherein said additional plate is coupled to said rotatable plate by at least one spring.
1 2	10. The invention as defined in claim 8 wherein said additional plate is adapted to rotate said rotatable plate using angle amplification.
1 2	11. The invention as defined in claim 8 further comprising at least one electrode operable to move said additional plate.
1 2	12. The invention as defined in claim 8 further comprising at least a comb drive operable to move said additional plate.
1 2	13. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said rotatable plates incorporates fingers that are part of a comb drive.
1 2	14. The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said rotatable plates is a vestigial rotatable plate.
1	15. A method for making a freely rotatable micromechanical plate apparatus, comprising:
3	suspending from a substrate via a respective one of a first set of springs each of at
4	least three rotatable plates;
5	coupling each of at least three moveable plate attachment points to a respective
6	one of said rotatable plates via respective ones of a second set springs so that rotation of
7	each of said rotatable plates about a respective axis transfers motion to the moveable plate

attachment points; and

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coupling a moveable plate to each of said moveable plate attachment points via a respective one of least three posts, each of said posts coupling the movement of each of a respective one of said moveable plate attachment points to said moveable plate.